Production of power from Atomic Energy

1166. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of electricity produced from Atomic Power Plants;

(b) by when country would produce 10 percent electricity needs from Atomic Power Plants;

(c) whether Government would plan for providing electricity from atomic energy as recurring expenses are less; and

(d) the obstacles if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The percentage of electricity produced from atomic power plants between April 2001 February 2002 is 3.8 percent

(b) to (d) The nuclear power capacity of 2720 MWe as of now, is planned to be increased to 9935 MWe by the end of the Eleventh plan and about 20,000 MWe by the year 2020. The present share of nuclear power capacity is about 3 percent and is anticipated to increase to about 7 percent by the year 2020. The implementation of this programme would, however, depend upon the availability of financial resources.

Modernisation of Telecommunication Services

1167. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken, so far for modernising telecommunication services in the country to international level and for incorporating state of the art digital technologies in the MTNL network;

(b) whether Government have decided to cut registration charges for new telephonic connections as well as for mobile to mobile^STD call rates as reported in the Hindustan Times dated the 27th and 31st January, 2002; and